probe. These reservations were voiced in the Rajya Sabha when the matter was first raised. Though, subsequently, I am told that the party has officially stated that they have no objection to an inquiry being instituted. But the report has understandably hurt Dr. Manmohan Singh. I have always held Dr. Manmohan Singh in high esteem. If unwittingly, I have caused him any offence, I express regrets that this should not have happened. Thank you.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Mr. Minister, are you holding the inquiry?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No questions on this. *(Interruptions).* No questions on this.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am very grateful to the hon. Home Minister for the statement that he has made. As far as I am concerned, that is the end of the matter. If in the heat of the moment, I had said anything during my intervention here, I am very sorry for that. It was never my intention, in any way, to hurt the feelings of the hon. Home Minister. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: No questions.

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## THE COPYRIGHT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1999

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री, विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी)** : सभापति जी, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि प्रतिलिप्याधिकार अधिनियम, 1957 का और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक को पुरःस्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाए ।

*The question was put and the motion was adopted*

**डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी** : सभापति जी, मैं विधेयक को पुरःस्थापित करता हूं ।

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE) In the Chair]

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, a Commission should be appointed. Some announcement should be made in this regard. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I would like to know from the hon. Home Minister: What is the decision of the

Government in regard to the suggestion that a Commission should be appointed to go into the causes, reasons....*(Interruptions)*.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE): Mr. Gupta, that subject is over.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: How can it be?

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam, we want an answer.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The Home Minister should reply to it. *(Interruptions)*. We want it to be clarified.

PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV (Uttar Pradesh): We want that a Commission should be appointed to go into the matter. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA (Uttar Pradesh): We would like to know it. What will the nation think of us? We have wasted a lot of time.

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे)** : आप हाऊस में थे उस वक्त? सदन के नेता कुछ बोलना चाहतें हैं, उनको बोलने दीजिए ।

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Madam, certain aspects, in response to what the hon. Home Minister has said, have been raised here onthe question whether any inquiry is warranted or not. I can assure all the hon. Members of the House that all these aspects will be examined and considered by the Government seriously.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, since the Home Minister is present here, he should respond to it. *(Interruptions)*. Since the Home Minister is present, he should respond to it.

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे)** : मिस्टर गुरुदास दास गुप्ता, सदन के नेता के जवाब देने के बाद कुछ बचता नहीं है ।

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## THE APPROPRIATION (NO. 4) BILL, 1999

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Madam, I beg to move: